

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Bill Prepared by the Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Quarantine and Health, and Which Will be Presented in the House—The Measure a Conglomerate of the Local Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The sub-committee of the special House committee on the World's Fair has completed the World's Fair bill, and it will be reported to the full committee to-day. It is made up chiefly of sections taken from the bill introduced by Mr. Adams and Mr. Flower, with occasional extracts from the bill of Mr. McLean. It is to be called: "A Bill to Provide for Celebrating the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Columbus, by Holding an International Exhibition of Arts, Sciences, Manufactures, and the Products of the Soil, Mine and Sea."

The time of opening the fair and the place where it is to be held are not mentioned in the bill.

The bill begins with a long preamble, setting forth the appropriateness of celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by holding an exhibition of National and international character, and which is to be created, composed of two representatives of each of the States, to be chosen by the Governors of those States, one from each Territory and the District of Columbia, and a sufficient number to be chosen by the city in which the fair is to be held. The commission is created into a corporation, with full powers as such. The commissioners are to be appointed within thirty days of the passage of the act. The commission is to hold its meetings in the city where the fair is to be held. Articles imported from foreign countries for exhibition at the fair are to be exempt from duty, and in connection with the admission of foreign goods \$50,000 is appropriated. The commission is to fix the day on which the exhibition is to be opened and to arrange a programme for the opening. The President and the Secretary of State are to announce the exhibition to foreign countries by proclamation. Subscriptions to the stock of the exhibition are to be received in the sum of \$20,000,000, and \$5,000,000 is to be pledged before the commission can do any act.

It is provided that the first meeting of the commission is to be held thirty days after its appointment, when books of capital stock are to be opened. The officers of the exhibition are to hold office for one year. The commission is to prepare a classification of exhibits. It is to have the right to issue bonds. The certificate of stock is to be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and provision is made against their being counterfeited. The commission is empowered to convert its property into cash at the close of the exhibition. It is to report to the President at the time of the opening. The corporation is to terminate January 1, 1893. The United States is to be free from any liability for the debts of the exhibition; but \$1,000,000 is to be appropriated by the Government to assist it. Provision is made for a Government exhibit. The Congress is to have the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time.

The friends of Washington on the committee will submit a separate bill and a minority report, opposing the financial scheme proposed. It is expected the reports will be ready to go to the House Thursday.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Awful Explosion in the High School Building at Lexington, Ill., During Experiments in Chemistry—Twenty Persons Injured.

LEXINGTON, Ill., Jan. 29.—Twenty persons were injured in a two o'clock yesterday afternoon in the high school at Lexington, in this county, by a terrific explosion which was heard all over the city. While Prof. Jess, surrounded by pupils and teachers, was conducting an experiment in chemistry in which oxygen was being generated in a retort composed wholly or in part of iron with iron pipe connections, the retort suddenly flew to pieces and nearly thirty persons were hurled in all directions and twenty of them more or less injured.

To add to the horror of the scene a can of gasoline through which a piece of hot iron had been projected, took fire and for a few moments it looked as though the building and some of the wounded victims might be consumed. The burning gasoline spread rapidly over the floor and the flames were extinguished after a hard fight, in which several of the students were slightly scorched.

Those most dangerously injured by the explosion are as follows: Prof. Jess, terribly burned about the head, face, arms, hands and eyes; will probably lose his sight and may die.

Bertie Farsell, a youth of twenty; compound fracture of the leg and artery cut; likely to die.

Cora Kemper, aged sixteen; compound fracture of leg.

Hattie Barnard, aged sixteen; struck in breast with a piece of iron pipe; dangerously hurt.

Russell Stevenson, hurt on leg and terribly bruised.

Will Dawson, badly cut and bruised.

Will Hotzen, badly mangled.

Ala Langstaff, seriously bruised and cut.

A dozen others were bruised, cut and scorched, but those named above are the severest sufferers. It is believed that the explosion was caused by impure chemicals.

The Steamboat De Soto Burned.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 29.—A special to the Post from Owensboro, Ky., says: "The Cincinnati & Memphis packet De Soto, M. M. Dean commander, caught fire one mile below Owensboro at two o'clock this morning, and was soon completely destroyed. The boat was quickly run to the Kentucky shore when the fire was discovered, and the passengers and all of the crew were saved except, possibly, one of the firemen, Brown Richardson, colored, who is missing. The fire was discovered in the cook-room, just after the boat had pulled out from the shore.

The Recent Post-Office Robbery at Albuquerque, N. M.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 28.—The recent post-office robbery at Albuquerque turns out to be much larger than at first supposed. Chicago merchants will suffer heavily, as it was the Pacific coast east-bound mail that was plundered. The mail had been sent by the southern route on account of the snow blockade. Telegrams were received yesterday asking for more assistance. It is believed to be the work of an organized gang of experts who know of the diversion of the trans-continental mail.

IN THE SIERRAS.

The Big Snow Flow Breaks Down Before Completing the Hauling of the Blockade—Death on Snow-Bound Train—Shovelers at Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The rotary plow which has been making a big fight in the Sierras towards raising the blockade on the Central Pacific road, broke down yesterday in the final drift, remaining near Cascade. The plow had been working for fifteen days continuously and it was thought the big machine would hold together until the road was cleared, but the strain was too much, and it was completely disabled when only two hundred yards of the snow-bank remained. An army of shovelers remained at work all night to clear away the remaining snow obstructing five cars of delayed mail which were sent west from Reno last night and which will be the first train through.

John Conklin, telegraph operator at Cisco, died at his lonely station four days ago of pneumonia. Three men, including a doctor, went to his assistance on snow shoes, but arrived too late to save his life, and he was buried in a snow drift. His body was removed to Sacramento yesterday, where his funeral will be held to-morrow.

Mrs. McVean, wife of Surgeon McVean, of Jefferson Barracks, died at Truckee, Monday, of diphtheria, while on one of the west-bound trains.

Yesterday Lucia Zaretta, the Mexican midwife, said to be the smallest human being in the world, a passenger on the same train, died at Truckee from gastric fever.

THREE MEN KILLED.

Shocking Results of a Boiler Explosion at Falling at Rock Creek, W. Va.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 30.—A special to the Times from Charleston, W. Va., says: A horrible boiler explosion occurred at the saw-mill of A. B. Leech on Falling Rock creek, twenty-five miles from here Tuesday which killed three men.

The mill had stopped to tighten a loose belt. Eight men were working in and near the mill when, a few minutes before noon, a terrific explosion occurred demolishing the mill and machinery.

Joe Wright, aged twenty-five, was filling a saw when the explosion occurred. The saw was broken to pieces, one piece of which cut Wright's throat from ear to ear. He leaves a wife and child.

Morgan Hoover was blown a hundred yards and down, feet foremost, into a hollow log up to his neck, and was terribly mangled and instantly killed. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Bad Mullins, aged twenty-three, single, had his skull crushed, cut in the abdomen, eyes and face scalded. He only lived a few hours.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The engineer says there was plenty of water in the boiler. The mill had only started operations Monday, after a shut down for repairs.

AN AWFUL CRIME.

Another Kills Her Illegitimate Offspring by Dashing Its Head Against a Red Hot Plow.

TEXAS, N. J., Jan. 29.—A horrible case of infanticide was brought to light here yesterday. The cruel mother is Julia Craig, a twenty-year-old colored girl, who has been employed for the past four months as a domestic at the home of Joseph Hannum, a retired wealthy Quaker living on East Hanover street. The girl acknowledges that the child was born alive, and not wanting it, she took it by the body and dashed its head against the hot post, killing it instantly. The county physician held an autopsy, which showed that the child had been brutally killed after birth, and at two o'clock this afternoon an inquest will be held at the city morgue. The authorities have placed the woman under arrest, and she will be taken to the jail as soon as her condition will permit.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

A third of the deaths in the French army are due to typhoid fever.

The Argentine Republic was reinforced last year by the arrival of more than three hundred thousand emigrants from Europe. A large portion of them were Italians.

The Prince of Wales was recently fined five shillings in a police court for letting his dog, a superb Shetland hound, go abroad without a muzzle.

Some of the cities of Australia pavements are constructed of gum-tree blocks. The wood is hard and very durable, lasting many times as long as the cedar blocks used in this country.

England boasts a well-trained feminine fire brigade. They wear red silk caps, dark blue short-skirted tunics, and neat bodices, decorated with red collar and cuffs and brass buttons.

For two years past there has been an insurance company against burglaries flourishing in London. According to the regular rates, you can insure the contents of your residence or office against burglary or any special article you desire.

The Queen's ladies-in-waiting are beginning to murmur about a dress grievance. They only receive three hundred pounds, and are expected to appear in a new costume at every dinner. The maids are expected to trim up their old gowns in all possible ways for the Queen has an eagle eye for old dresses and hates them.

A native movement to break up certain Hindu customs has been started in Bombay. By no means are permitted to marry under sixteen, and no daughters under ten. No man is to marry a fifty-year-old woman, or a woman known until the recent discovery of Lista and Popper; and the mountain ranges that parallel the south and west coasts have been a barrier which the natives on either side have never tried to cross.

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A CULLUD LADY.

Miss Matilda Snowball Willing to Work Under Certain Conditions.

Matilda Snowball—heads you needs a cullud lady ter do de work fer you. My name's Matilda Snowball.

Colonel Yerger—Your wife needs some help. How much do you want a month?

Matilda—Fifteen dollars if de place suits me.

Colonel Yerger—Any thing else?

Matilda—Monday afternoon I makes calls.

Colonel Yerger—Is that all?

Matilda—No, indeed. On two nights in de week I tends de distracted meetin's at Parson Whangdoodle Baxter's Blue Light Tabernacle.

Colonel Yerger—Any thing else?

Matilda—I wants yer ter understand de way de head cullud lady don't fotch in no wood and no water. Ketch me!

Colonel Yerger—Of course, not, Matilda. I will fetch in de wood myself. Any thing else?

Matilda—You needn't spect me ter git up in de mawnings and make de fire.

Colonel Yerger—I never dreamt of your doing any thing of that kind. Whenever you want a fire made just ring de bell for Mrs. Yerger and she will attend to that.

Matilda—And I want ter gwinter do no scrubbin' nor washin' o' de dishes. No cullud lady lowers hersef' dataway.

Colonel Yerger—Why should you when my wife and daughter are here to attend to the drudgery?

Matilda—Am datso? Dis an de berry plain de way de head cullud lady do de dishes. No cullud lady lowers hersef' dataway.

AN AMERICAN GIRL.

How She Won the Friendship of a Famous English Statesman.

About two years before his death, Charles Sumner was ordered abroad by his physician. On the steamer which he sailed was a mother with her three children, whom she was taking to Europe to be educated. It happened that the only girl of the party was seated near Mr. Sumner at the table, and could hear much of his conversation. In a short time she became fascinated with the rare personality that for so many years had inspired a great political party.

She listened eagerly to every word, but soon became greatly mortified because she could not understand much of what he said. One day she asked the captain of the Government she knew nothing of European politics, and little of American history.

For the first time in her life she realized that an interesting, helpful science had been neglected in her education. She determined to make up for her omission for herself, and on reaching England began the study of American politics. The functions of the different parts of a government, legislative, judicial and executive, the duties of an American citizen, political parties, who vote and why, and the capital, strikes, banks, commerce, diversities of industries—all these she soon found to be factors in a fascinating problem.

Her growing enthusiasm amused her friends, especially her brother. What could be the use of a girl troubling her head about such things? they asked. The answer came in a manner quite unexpected.

One evening during their continued residence in England the family was invited to a small reception given by John Bright, then at the zenith of his fame. Shortly after their entrance into the drawing-room the conversation turned to American politics, in which Mr. Bright manifested great interest. A convention was at that time in session in a Western city, and the subject was expressed about the nomination which it was likely to make.

Turning to an American gentleman, Mr. Bright made some inquiry as to the rules governing the formation of such an assembly. The person addressed, evidently greatly interested at his ignorance, was obliged to answer that he did not know. Appeals to three other guests met with the same response. Then, to the surprise of everyone, a modest little American girl advanced timidly to Mr. Bright and gave him the desired information.

Mr. Bright was delighted. He seated himself at the girl's side and talked with her for the entire evening, and when taking leave of her said to her mother:

"You Americans have indeed made wonderful advances in education. The

future of a country is secure when the young men and women alike are trained to intelligent understanding of the laws which govern them. The next generation will be a race of patriots."

A few days afterward came an urgent invitation for the captain to spend a week at the Bright homestead. There the little American was introduced to Mr. Gladstone and many other prominent English statesmen.

Her unique experience is very suggestive. How many of our young people are so ill acquainted with the present state of European politics? Too many of them, indeed, have yet to learn the very alphabet of their own government.—Youth's Companion.

A CANNIBAL FAMILY.

The Strange Beings on Exhibition at the London Aquarium.

The advertising columns of the London newspapers have recently announced that nine cannibals from Terre del Fuego would be fed three times a day in view of the audience at the Aquarium. At two, six and ten o'clock the spectators are to have the privilege of seeing these specimens of an extraordinary type of American savage heat their beef and fish over a fire and then tear the flesh to pieces with their fingers and devour it practically raw.

The family of Ona Indians are the only representatives of that large tribe that have ever been taken from their homes. Many years ago some natives from the south coast were taken to England and received there a rudimentary education. But the Onas, who are spread over more than four-fifths of the continent of South America, are unknown until the recent discovery of Lista and Popper; and the mountain ranges that parallel the south and west coasts have been a barrier which the natives on either side have never tried to cross.

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Reclaimed by Convicts.

Dartmoor's Wild Waste Has Become a Factious Garden of sending convicts to this prison was to reclaim Dartmoor, and they have made inclosures to an enormous extent, under the superintendence of a farm bailiff. These inclosures are made of most substantial wire of great blocks of granite, which must have cost an amount of labor difficult to estimate. A large piece of the moor is first inclosed; then other inclosures are made, dividing it into good, large fields; then clearing the stones and rocks and cultivating the crops begins. This convict prison is, therefore, a very large farm, with any amount of labor at the command of the farmer. On the farm are bred horses, ponies, bullocks and some sheep. There is a large dairy, and there are extensive kitchen gardens on the farm. The dairy and garden produce is used in the prison, and very good it is; but the live stock is sold annually by auction in the autumn at Prince Town fair, where Dartmoor produce in general is brought to market, and where the collection of wild ponies is a sight to see.

The prisoners work in gangs, and there are great numbers with loaded rifles surrounding them in attendance. By good conduct a prisoner gains his reward in working under relaxed supervision, and in being intrusted with horses and carts and the dairy work. The color of the dress denotes the conduct of the prisoner, according to his behavior. The dress consists of a cap, jacket, loose breeches, stockings and boots, all of the regulation convict material, not to be mistaken anywhere. But it is a curious fact that the lowest class of convicts are dressed precisely in that particular color which is least visible at a distance. Sometimes a for convict has escaped; but of late years escapes have been very rare. In the summer large numbers of convicts can be seen on the farm making or harvesting, and in the winter preparing the land for cultivation. Planting has also been attempted. Trees do not flourish on Dartmoor. But if a particular tree is found by experience to do well, extensive plantations ought to be made of it; for the one thing wanting on Dartmoor Forest is trees. In some situations planting has been attempted, but the trees do not look as if they were enjoying themselves in that salubrious climate. The employment of convicts in hard farm labor in the open air is good for them, inasmuch as they, as a rule, do not come from a class that likes hard labor at all; and it may be safely said that three convicts do as much work as one free farm laborer. They can be made to work, but they can not be made to work hard or well.

Besides the farm labor, the labor in the quarry, the stone-cutting and the building, there are carried on within the walls of the prison, such as bookbinding, blacksmithing and carpenter work, baking and cooking. Some who have found their way inside these walls, and are not strong enough for the farm, or invalids, are put in the tailors' or shoemakers' shops, to make clothes for their fellow-prisoners; others are put to bookbinding and the like. There is always plenty to do in the way of washing, scrubbing and cleaning in general. As a matter of course, there is a school for the ignorant, a chapel and chaplain of the Church of England, and a Roman Catholic chapel and chaplain. The late Father Green, who lived his life among convicts, and has left behind him a name revered and well beloved.—Saturday Review.

ABOUT WORLD'S FAIRS.

Where the Great International Exhibition of the World Has Been Located.

The great industrial exhibitions of the world have come to be commonly known as world's fairs. In France they have been held more or less regularly for a century. In Paris they were opened in 1798, 1801, 1802, 1806, 1819, 1823, 1834, 1839, 1844, 1855, 1867, 1875 and 1889. The idea of an industrial exhibition was popular in Great Britain when it was first suggested and the people became enthusiastic over the project. The first great exhibition was in 1851, when it was held in the Crystal Palace, designed by Joseph Paxton, and built by the Earl of Devonshire. The late Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, was among the most active in making the exposition a success. There was another exhibition held there in 1862, and the Crystal Palace has been made famous for these international exhibitions. The two last international exhibitions that have attracted to London from abroad more exhibitors and visitors than any previously held were those at Paris in 1878 and at 1889. It is stated by the great steam and rail transportation companies that thousands of people have been attracted to the Crystal Palace of Great Britain was then in the height of its fame and glory. So New York was not to be behind our European cousins. On July 14, 1853, therefore, the New York Crystal Palace was opened. The building was of glass and iron, and was erected in the fort of a creek cross. Its dimensions were 166 feet wide by 365 feet long. The number of exhibitors from abroad was about 3,000 in all. The exhibition was opened by President Pierce and was continued for four months. It is related that the exposition gave American industries a great impetus that was felt for many years. The Crystal Palace of New York was continued for many years as an annual fair, and in 1855, while one of these was in progress, the place took fire and was burned. The Centennial Exposition was held in Philadelphia. New York tried to hold a world's fair in 1888, but it was abandoned.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Civilization and Barbarism.

It is significant of the delicacy of American humor that the most popular comic song of the day tells about a man falling from the fifth story, breaking nearly all his bones, and barely escaping with his life; of his falling into a coal hole, and being nearly smothered to death by a lot of coal; of his being sent to prison; of his return home, to find that his wife had eloped, thus wrecking his home, and finally in despair the man commits suicide by drowning. Funny, isn't it? High state of civilization, isn't it, where people find the greatest joy in laughing at the miseries of others? It is recorded that Livingston's men burst into the most uproarious shouts of laughter at seeing one of their companions devoured by a lion. Those were naked savages, the very lowest of the human race. How much higher in grade are they who laugh at "McGinty's Mishaps."—Chicago Herald.

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Dartmoor's Wild Waste Has Become a Factious Garden of sending convicts to this prison was to reclaim Dartmoor, and they have made inclosures to an enormous extent, under the superintendence of a farm bailiff. These inclosures are made of most substantial wire of great blocks of granite, which must have cost an amount of labor difficult to estimate. A large piece of the moor is first inclosed; then other inclosures are made, dividing it into good, large fields; then clearing the stones and rocks and cultivating the crops begins. This convict prison is, therefore, a very large farm, with any amount of labor at the command of the farmer. On the farm are bred horses, ponies, bullocks and some sheep. There is a large dairy, and there are extensive kitchen gardens on the farm. The dairy and garden produce is used in the prison, and very good it is; but the live stock is sold annually by auction in the autumn at Prince Town fair, where Dartmoor produce in general is brought to market, and where the collection of wild ponies is a sight to see.